GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:499
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ASSISTANCE TO HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints from the Handloom Weavers Associations regarding ignoring the handloom sector and weavers in respect of providing financial assistance to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the steps taken for providing necessary assistance to the handloom sector and the weavers; and

(c) the details of the comparative figures of funds allocated and released by the Government for the powerloom and handloom sectors separately during each year of the Tenth Plan and thereafter till date, sector-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 499 FOR ANSWER ON 28.4.2008 REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO HANDLOOM SECTOR.

(a) & (b): No such complaints have been received from Handloom Weavers Associations. However, for providing financial assistance to handloom weavers, Government of India is presently implementing following five schemes:

1. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme

2. Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme

3. Mill Gate Price Scheme

4. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

5. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(c): The details of comparative figures of funds allocated and released by the Government for the powerloom and handloom sectors separately during each year of the Tenth Plan and thereafter till date, sector-wise are as follows: (Rs. in crore)

Year	Handloom Sector		Powerloom Sector	
	Funds Allocated	Amount Released	Funds Allocated	Amount Released
2002-03	140.00	130.83	6.91	4.52
2003-04	156.77	130.28	9.75	8.22
2004-05	154.56	154.09	10.28	5.70
2005-06	156.00	192.88	7.50	5.52
2006-07	185.00	195.67	5.24	3.00
2007-08	315.00	292.58	9.99	9.67
2008-09	340.00	3.94	10.00	-